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SUBJECT: FEATURE ARTICLE ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN SWEDEN

1. THE SWEDISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION IN ITS MORNING NEWS ROUNDUP AND COMMENTARY AND INDEPENDENT DAGENS NYHETER BROKE THE STORY THAT THE MARCH 4 ISSUE OF LEFTWING ORIENTED WEEKLY FIB KULTURFRONT WILL PUBLISH AN EXTENSIVE REPORT ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN SWEDEN OPERATING UNDER THE COVER OF THE EMBASSY. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SWEDISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION JAN GUILLOU, ONE OF THE AUTHORS OF THE ARTICLE, STATED THAT BRUCE HUTCHINS, LISTED AS SECOND SECRETARY AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM, RECRUITED AN AFRICAN EMPLOYEE OF THE SWEDISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION TO MAKE TRIPS TO ANGOLA TO SPY ON THE MPLA AND TWO SWEDISH JOURNALISTS IN AFRICA. GUILLOU ALSO STATED THAT "OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES" UNDER SWEDISH LAW CONDUCTED BY THE CIA IN SWEDEN WOULD BE REVEALED BY THE FIB KULTURFRONT ARTICLE.

2. DAGENS NYHETER CARRIED BASICALLY THE SAME STORY GIVING GREATER DETAIL BUT MENTIONING NO NAMES OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS. THE DAGENS NYHETER STORY STATES THAT ATTEMPTS WERE MADE BY A CIA OFFICER IN THE EMBASSY TO RECRUIT ARTHUR OPOT, AN AFRICAN FREE LANCE JOURNALIST WORKING FOR THE SWEDISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION, IN APRIL 1975. OPOT REPORTEDLY AGREED TO BE RECRUITED AND TRAVELED
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TO ANGOLA TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR THE CIA, BUT

ACTUALLY REPORTED TO FIB KULTURFRONT. THE DAGENS
NYHETER ACCOUNT STATED THAT BOTH OPOT AND HIS SWEDISH
WIFE WERE SUBJECTED TO THREATS BY THE AMERICAN CIA
OFFICIAL.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS RESPONDED TO ALL MEDIA INQUIRIES
STATING THAT WE DO NOT COMMENT ON STORIES OF THIS NATURE.
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